

Dan Saltzgiver, co-owner of Reicharts Camping Center in Hanover, PA, has been appointed to the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons. Governor Rendell nominated Saltzgiver in early July for the position with the support from Senator Waugh of York County's 28th Senatorial District.

According to the Department of State, the mission of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons serves to protect the public interest in the purchase and trade of vehicles so as to insure protection against irresponsible vendors and dishonest or fraudulent sales practices. The Board regulates the licensure of salespersons, dealers, vehicle auctions, manufacturers, factory branches, distributors, distributor branches and factory or distributor representatives in the vehicle industry. Also, the Board determines whether a manufacturer may establish a new vehicle dealer or relocate an existing new vehicle dealer within or into a relevant market area where the same line-make is then represented. In addition, the Board investigates complaints and allegations of wrongful acts of any licensee or person required to be licensed by law. The Board also supplies a list, to be posted at all vehicle auctions, containing the names of all licensees who are currently revoked or suspended and persons who were penalized for unlicensed activity within the last year.

As a professional member of the board, Saltzgiver will assume a vital role in protecting public safety and welfare throughout the regulatory process. "I can see that being a representative from the RV industry will be very beneficial," Saltzgiver says. "There are more automotive dealers than RV dealers, and they look at the world through those eyes. Adding an RV perspective is very important." Dan is preparing for his second meeting as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons. "I'm still in the learning stages, but it's been very interesting," Saltzgiver says. "I'm looking forward to the next meeting to give my viewpoint from the RV industry."

Dan has many years of experience that made him a very qualified candidate for this position. Dan was employed at Reicharts since 1983 and in 1989 was promoted to Sales Manager. In April of 1990, Dan partnered with Steve Dotson to purchase Reicharts Camping Center. Five years later they purchased eight acres to build their current facility and over the past 15 years, the business has grown substantially with an additional 11 acres added to the original design.

Dan has a background in Industry Service. In November of 1991, he was elected to the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Recreation Vehicle and Camping Association (PRVCA) as director to the Central Pennsylvania District. He was re-elected in 1993 and in 1995 was elected President of PRVCA. In 1997, Dan received the John Serro Achievement Award for outstanding service to the RV Industry. That same year he was also elected as chairman of the board of the Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association and PRVCA. He helped orchestrate the separation of the two associations and the division of several million dollars of joint assets. Since 1997, Dan has served on the board of the Recreation Park Trailer Industry Association (RPTIA), as one of the only two dealers representatives on that board. From 1998 through 2000, Dan served as past

chairman to the newly incorporated PRVCA. In 2000 Dan was elected to vice chairman of the PRVCA board of directors, and in 2002 was elected as chairman of the PRVCA board. In 2003, Dan was appointed show chairman for the Annual Pennsylvania Recreation Vehicle and Camping Show, and still holds that position today. In 2004, he was appointed to the national Go RVing Coalition, dedicated to enhancing the RV image. IN 2006, he was appointed to the Committee on Excellence, committed to maintaining the highest industry standards.

PRVCA would like to congratulate Dan on his hard work and wishes him much success as he continues his journey on the Licensing Board.